

Free Activities

Walks, Talks, and Rides

A Beacon on the Potomac

(1 hour, easy walk)

Find out how Jones Point and its lighthouse were the cornerstone of maritime wealth for Alexandria and Washington, D.C. Meet in the parking lot behind Hunting Point on the Potomac apartments. Call 703-289-2553 for directions.



Bike with a Ranger

(2 to 3 hours, moderate ride)

Experience the natural and cultural heritage of the Capital Region as you ride with a ranger on the Mount Vernon Trail. Meet by the bike rack located at the end of Theodore Roosevelt Island parking lot. Call 703-289-2553 for more information. Bicycles and helmets required.

Birds of Dyke Marsh

(1 to 1 ½ hours, easy walk)

Use your eyes and ears to find some of the 300 species of birds that call Dyke Marsh home. Meet in the Belle Haven parking lot, near the entrance. Binoculars and field guides provided.



Island Safari (1 hour, easy walk)

Join a ranger for a guided walk through some of Theodore Roosevelt Island's wild times – both human and natural. Meet at the footbridge, on the island side.

Uncommon Valor

(45 minutes, talk)

Reflect on the history of the U.S. Marine Corps and the memorial dedicated to the sacrifices Marines have made in service to their country. Meet at the statue.



Children's Programs

Reservations are required for some programs. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Learn to Ride (2 hours, easy ride)

Ride a bicycle without training wheels! A ranger will help you learn how to ride your bicycle in a safe, stress-free environment. Ages 5 and up. Call 703-289-2553 for dates and times and to register for this program.

Lighthouse Life (1 hour, easy walk)

Explore life as a lighthouse keeper through games and activities. Meet at the Jones Point Lighthouse. Call 703-289-2553 for directions. Children and families welcome.

Things with Wings

(1 to 1 ½ hours, easy walk)

Discover the birds and insects that fly around in Dyke Marsh. Meet in the Belle Haven parking lot, near the entrance. Children and families welcome. Binoculars and field guides provided.



Concerts

Fort Hunt Concert Series (1 hour)

Bring a picnic and relax on the grass while local concert bands play music from a variety of genres. Meet at Pavilion A at Fort Hunt Park. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/fort-hunt.htm> for a complete list of performances.



Netherlands Carillon Concert Series

(2 hours)

Enjoy a live concert played on the carillon's 50 bronze bells. Learn about the bell tower's unique history and learn to play hand bells yourself. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/nethcarillon.htm> for a complete list of performances.



Saturday, July 24

6 p.m. Netherlands Carillon
Concert

Sunday, July 25

2 p.m. Island Safari
7 p.m. Fort Hunt Concert

Monday, July 26

8 a.m. Birds of Dyke Marsh

Tuesday, July 27

10 a.m. A Beacon on the
Potomac
2 p.m. Island Safari

Wednesday, July 28

7:30 p.m. Uncommon Valor

Thursday, July 29

2 p.m. Island Safari

Friday, July 30

8 a.m. Things with Wings

Saturday, July 31

10 a.m. Bike with a Ranger
6 p.m. Netherlands Carillon
Concert

Sunday, August 1

10 a.m. Bike with a Ranger
2 p.m. Island Safari
7 p.m. Fort Hunt Concert

Monday, August 2

8 a.m. Birds of Dyke Marsh

Tuesday, August 3

10 a.m. A Beacon on the
Potomac
2 p.m. Island Safari

Wednesday, August 4

7:30 p.m. Uncommon Valor

Thursday, August 5

10 a.m. Lighthouse Life
2 p.m. Island Safari

Friday, August 6

8 a.m. Things with Wings

Saturday, August 7

10 a.m. Bike with a Ranger
6 p.m. Netherlands Carillon
Concert

Sunday, August 8

10 a.m. Bike with a Ranger
2 p.m. Island Safari
7 p.m. Fort Hunt Concert

Monday, August 9

8 a.m. Birds of Dyke Marsh

Tuesday, August 10

10 a.m. A Beacon on the
Potomac
2 p.m. Island Safari

Friday, August 13

8 a.m. Things with Wings

Saturday, August 14

10 a.m. Bike with a Ranger
6 p.m. Netherlands Carillon
Concert

Sunday, August 15

10 a.m. Bike with a Ranger
2 p.m. Island Safari
7 p.m. Fort Hunt Concert

Monday, August 16

8 a.m. Birds of Dyke Marsh

Tuesday, August 17

10 a.m. A Beacon on the
Potomac
2 p.m. Island Safari

Wednesday, August 18

7:30 p.m. Uncommon Valor

Thursday, August 19

10 a.m. Lighthouse Life
2 p.m. Island Safari

Friday, August 20

8 a.m. Things with Wings

Saturday, August 21

10 a.m. Bike with a Ranger
6 p.m. Netherlands Carillon
Concert

Sunday, August 22

10 a.m. Bike with a Ranger
2 p.m. Island Safari
7 p.m. Fort Hunt Concert

Monday, August 23

8 a.m. Birds of Dyke Marsh

Tuesday, August 24

10 a.m. A Beacon on the
Potomac
2 p.m. Island Safari

Wednesday, August 25

7:30 p.m. Uncommon Valor

Thursday, August 26

10 a.m. Lighthouse Life
2 p.m. Island Safari

Friday, August 27

8 a.m. Things with Wings

Saturday, August 28

10 a.m. Bike with a Ranger
6 p.m. Netherlands Carillon
Concert

Saturday, September 4

10 a.m. Bike with a Ranger

Sunday, September 5

10 a.m. Bike with a Ranger